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Lagro to hold special wastewater meeting

The town of Lagro will be having a special meeting to consider the refinancing of Lagro Wastewater System Bonds at 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17 at the Lagro Town Hall, 230 Buchanan St., Lagro, according to clerk-treasurer Kristie Bone.

Salamonie Preschool offers 'S is for Snow' on Jan. 19

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Preschool's "S is for Snow" on Wednesday, Jan. 19. Come play in the snow and learn how it is made, Children ages 2 through 5 and their adults are welcome to attend the class from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Salamonie Interpretive Center located in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews. Each program is designed to enhance the preschooler's basic education, including music, crafts, social interaction and time outdoors, always with a nature-related theme. Note that details of this event may be subject to change based on the state's response to COVID-19. The program fee is \$2 per child. Advance registration is appreciated. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit [Facebook.com/UpperWabash](https://www.facebook.com/UpperWabash), <https://on.IN.gov/salamonielake> or dnr.IN.gov.

Honeywell House hosts German dinner to honor Mark Honeywell

On Friday, Jan. 21, the Honeywell House will host a German dinner to

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State's Attorney asks Wabash County prosecutor to charge murder suspect's brother

In Illinois, siblings can't be charged with aiding, harboring fugitives; but in Indiana, they can

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Under Illinois law, a sibling may not be prosecuted for harboring, aiding or abetting a fugitive.

However, Indiana law only exempts parents, children

and a spouse from prosecution.

This distinction between the two states' laws has come to light with the recent arrest in North Manchester of a suspect in the murder of one Illinois police officer and the injuring of another.

Kankakee County, Illinois State's Attorney Jim Rowe submitted an official request to the U.S. Attorney for the Central District of Illinois and to the U.S. Attorney General to review the first-degree murder cases pending against Darius D.

Sullivan, 26, of Bourbonnais, Illinois, and Xandria A. Harris, 26, of Bradley, Illinois, for federal murder charges, and to pursue a federal sentence of death against both defendants.

Additionally, the State's Attorney's Office has also filed state charges against Sullivan and Harris for the first-degree murder of a police officer, and attempted first-degree murder of a police officer, among other charges. The state charges will proceed in the Kankakee County Courthouse and

Rowe will seek life sentences for both offenders.

The Illinois State Police Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 3 is investigating a shooting involving officers from the Bradley Police Department in Bradley, Illinois, according to the Illinois State Police. At around 12:20 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, the Illinois State Police Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 3 was requested to investigate the shooting of two Bradley Police Department police officers. Preliminary reports indicate

that BPD officers responded to a hotel in the 1500 block of North State Highway 50 for a noise complaint. While investigating the incident, BPD officers initiated a conversation with subjects inside of the hotel, according to the Illinois State Police. During the interaction, Sgt. Marlene R. Rittmanic, 49, and Officer Tyler J. Bailey, 27, were fired upon. Rittmanic and Bailey sustained serious injuries after being struck by gunfire and were

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First baby of 2022



Provided photo

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By ROB BURGESS

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It took just over three days into the new year, but Parkview Wabash Hospital has finally welcomed its first baby of 2022.

On Friday, Jan. 14, Parkview Health public relations specialist Leslie Megison said the first baby born in 2022 at Parkview Wabash

Hospital was a girl.

"Welcome, little one," said Megison.

The baby, Caroline Marie, was born at 1:53 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4. She was 7 pounds, 1.2 ounces.

"To ensure the safety and privacy of the baby and her parents, and to remain consistent with ongoing guidance from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, no additional information will be provided about this child," said Megison.

In response to a Plain Dealer request, public relations manager Tami Brigle said they followed

these policies due to safety.

"Parkview Health has chosen to follow guidance from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, which recommends against the release of most types of information in order to protect the privacy of an infant and the family," said Brigle. "If a parent would want to share more information publicly, they can do so of their own accord once they leave the hospital. However, Parkview won't facilitate sharing details."

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ISDH raises local COVID-19 advisory level back to red

SCOTUS rejects Biden's vaccine-or-test mandate for businesses; upholds for health care workers

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

For nearly two months, the Indiana State Health Department's (ISDH) COVID-19 county metrics had placed Wabash County in the red, the highest level.

Last week, though, that designation was finally lowered to orange, the second-highest level.

But, this week, Wabash County, along with almost every other county in the state, was raised back to red.

Meanwhile, the ISDH reported five additional local COVID-19 deaths over the past week. On Friday, Jan. 7, the ISDH reported two more local COVID-19 deaths, bringing Wabash County's total to 133. On Tuesday, Jan. 11, the ISDH reported two more local COVID-19 deaths, bringing Wabash County's total to 135. On Wednesday, Jan. 12, the ISDH reported one additional COVID-19 death, bringing Wabash County's total to 136.

At the national level, the Supreme Court has stopped a major push by the Biden administration to boost the nation's COVID-19 vaccination rate, a requirement that employees at large businesses get a vaccine or test regularly and wear a mask on the job, according to the Associated Press.

"I am relieved to see that Supreme Court has blocked Joe Biden's unconstitutional vaccine mandate for private businesses. If it had been allowed to go into effect, the mandate would have further weakened our fragile supply chains, kept shelves empty, and worsened our already critical labor shortage," said Indiana Republican Party Chairman Kyle Hupfer, on Thursday, Jan. 13. "As the general counsel of the RNC, I am proud

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Sheriff Baker files for re-election; Sweet files for Indiana House GOP primary

Rep. Trey Hollingsworth decides not to seek re-election; Walorski has still not filed

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Wednesday, Jan. 12, Wabash County Sheriff Ryan Baker officially filed for re-election with the Wabash County Clerk's Office.

The filing period runs through noon Friday, Feb. 4. The primary election will be held May 3 and the general election will be held on Nov. 8.

In addition to Baker, as of 2:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, Republican Lori Draper had filed for re-election as clerk; Republican Eric Rish had filed for re-election as recorder; Republican Kelly Schenkel had filed re-election

as assessor; Republican Jeff Dawes has filed for re-election for Wabash County Commissioner District 1; Republican Barbara Pearson had filed for re-election for Wabash County Council District 2; Republican Kyle Bowman has filed for re-election for Wabash County Council District 4; Republican Andrew Delong had filed for Lagro Township Trustee; Republican Ashley Cordes has filed for Paw Paw Township Trustee; and Republican Gary Hunter Sr. has filed for Lagro Township Board Member.

Also, according to the Indiana Secretary of State's office Republican Wabash

Circuit Court Judge Robert R. McCallen, III had filed for re-election.

According to the Wabash County Clerk's office, no candidates had yet filed for the following races: Wabash County Council District 1, Wabash County Council District 3, Chester Township Trustee, Liberty Township Trustee, Noble Township Trustee, Pleasant Township Trustee, Waltz Township Trustee, Chester Township Board Member, Liberty Township Board Member, Noble Township Board Member, Paw Paw Township Board Member, Pleasant Township Board Member and Waltz Township Board Member.

On Monday, Jan. 10, Secretary of State Holli Sullivan filed to seek the Republican

Party's nomination for Secretary of State. The Indiana Republican State Convention will take place in Indianapolis on June 18.

On Thursday, Jan. 13, Rep. Trey Hollingsworth, R-Indiana, announced he would not seek reelection to Indiana's 9th Congressional District.

"For nearly six years, Rep. Trey Hollingsworth has been a dedicated servant to the Hoosiers of Indiana's 9th Congressional District. Hoosiers have certainly been well-served thanks to his steadfast leadership," said Indiana Republican Party Chairman Kyle Hupfer.

Rep. Jackie Walorski, R-Indiana, who represents the Second District, had not filed for re-election as of Thursday, Jan. 13. Walorski

did not respond to a Plain Dealer request for further comment as of press time.

Also on the state level, Sen. Andy Zay, R-Huntington, had already announced his reelection bid last month in the redesigned 17th District and filed his paperwork on Thursday, Jan. 6. Rep. Dan Leonard, R-Huntington, filed his paperwork.

Leonard was joined in the race for his seat Wednesday, Jan. 12 by current Wabash Councilmember Lorissa Sweet. Sweet did not respond to a Plain Dealer request for further comment as of press time.

In November, Sweet announced she would be running for the newly redrawn Indiana House of

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Ex-GOP mayor making bid against Rep. Mrvan for Indiana seat

LAPORTE (AP) — A former Republican mayor is campaigning for a congressional seat in northwestern Indiana, signaling that the GOP aims to make its most serious bid in decades in a district that’s long been a Democratic stronghold.

Former LaPorte Mayor Blair Milo announced Friday that she would seek the Republican nomination in the 1st District to challenge Democratic Rep. Frank Mrvan, who won his first term in 2020 following the retirement of 18-term Democratic Rep. Pete Visclosky.

Milo is well connected with Indiana’s Republican hierarchy, having spent four years as Gov. Eric Holcomb’s secretary for career connections and talent until stepping down last June. She is a Navy veteran and won her first election

as LaPorte’s mayor in 2011 at age 28 and was reelected in 2015.

The 1st District hugs Indiana’s Lake Michigan shoreline, taking in all of Lake and Porter counties and part of LaPorte County. For decades, Democrats have typically won there by large margins, but former President Donald Trump closed the gap by appealing to working class voters in the district that has some of the country’s largest steel mills.

Milo, who joins several lesser known Republicans in the May primary race, said she would appeal to voters worried about inflation and federal government overreach.

“Frustration with the results that we are, and we aren’t, getting out of Washington, D.C., and the desire for a different type of leadership and

a different type of representation than we’ve had in years past,” Milo told The (Northwest Indiana) Times.

Mrvan won a crowded Democratic primary in 2020 after gaining endorsements from Visclosky and the United Steelworkers union.

Mrvan highlighted his position as co-chairman of the Congressional Steel Caucus and support for steel tariffs in announcing his reelection campaign this week.

The Republican-dominated state Legislature kept the district largely unchanged in redrawing congressional maps effective for this year’s election as the redistricting focused on strengthening the GOP’s hold on a suburban Indianapolis district and maintaining the party’s 7-2 congressional delegation majority.

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of our team for filing one of the lawsuits challenging the reckless Biden Administration. We will continue to stand up and fight for workers and businesses.”

The court is allowing the administration to proceed with a vaccine mandate for most health care workers in the U.S. The court’s orders Thursday, Jan. 13 came during a spike in coronavirus cases caused by the omicron variant.

The court’s conservative majority concluded the administration overstepped its authority by seeking to impose the Occupational Safety and Health Administration’s (OSHA) vaccine-or-test rule on U.S. businesses with at least 100 employees. More than 80 million people would have been affected and OSHA had estimated that the rule would save 6,500 lives and prevent 250,000 hospitalizations over six months.

In December, Senator Braun led the Senate in a vote on the rule, with all 50 Senate Republicans and two Democratic Senators voting to overturn the vaccine mandate rule.

“President Biden’s vaccine mandate for private employees is unconstitutional and wrong. I was proud to lead the vote to overturn this illegal mandate in the Senate, and the Supreme Court blocking this mandate is a win for the liberties and livelihoods of millions of

Americans,” said Braun, on Thursday.

Last month, Rep. Jackie Walorski, R-Indiana, filed an amicus brief alongside more than 180 fellow Congressional Republicans urging SCOTUS to stay this mandate. In the brief, they argued that Congress did not give OSHA the authority to impose a vaccine mandate.

“I am relieved the U.S. Supreme Court rightfully has struck down President Biden’s unconstitutional mandate on workers and job creators, protecting Americans’ fundamental rights,” said Congresswoman Walorski. “The administration’s mandate on private employers clearly trampled on Americans’ liberties, and it would have been a disaster as we face mounting inflation, supply chain, and workforce crises. Northern Indiana is home to a robust manufacturing and small business community that feeds and powers our nation. Today the Supreme Court upheld these Hoosiers’ vital right to work and provide for their families,” said Walorski, on Thursday.

On Wednesday, Jan. 5, the ISDH announced that Hoosiers aged 12 to 15 who received their second dose of the Pfizer vaccine at least five months ago are now eligible to receive a booster dose following approval from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and FDA.

The FDA amended the emergency use authorization for the Pfizer vaccine

on Monday to allow a single booster dose for people aged 12 to 15. The CDC endorsed the recommendation Wednesday.


The FDA also expanded the Pfizer EUA by shortening the time between the completion of the primary vaccination series from six months to five months and allowing certain immunocompromised children aged 5 to 11 to receive a third primary series dose. The CDC authorized those changes Tuesday.

Booster doses have been shown to increase protection from hospitalization and death against the highly infectious Omicron variant, which is fueling a surge in cases across the country. Data out of South Africa and the United Kingdom show that two doses of a Pfizer vaccine provide approximately 35 percent protection against the Omicron variant but that a booster dose increases that protection against infection to 75 percent.


The Pfizer vaccine is the only vaccine approved for individuals younger than age 18. Hoosiers seeking a booster for a child aged 12 or older can go to www.ourshot.in.gov and look for a location that carries the Pfizer vaccine, designed by PVAX, or call Indiana 211 (866-211-9966) for assistance. Appointments are recommended, but many sites also accept walk-ins.

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5-Day Weather Summary




Saturday
Mostly Cloudy
30 / 16




Sunday
Partly Cloudy
35 / 21



Monday
Mostly Cloudy
32 / 24




Tuesday
Mostly Cloudy
42 / 31




Wednesday
Mostly Cloudy
38 / 18

Sun and Moon


Today's sunset 5:43 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 8:01 a.m.




Full
1/17



Last
1/25



New
2/1



First
2/8

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies, high temperature of 30°, humidity of 61%. Northeast wind 11 to 14 mph. Expect clear skies tonight, overnight low of 16°. Northeast wind 8 to 13 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 6°. Sunday, skies will be partly cloudy, high of 35°, humidity of 51%.

In an impersonal world, God still knows our names

By DAVE PHILLIPS

What a way to start the new year. I was quarantined with the COVID-19 virus. I had an antibody infusion, a round of antibiotics and a prednisone burst. It was a finish on a year spent recovering from a bicycle accident and my wife struggling with various health issues. And yet, here we are still alive, still seeking to live for Jesus and to finish the work for which he has called us.

This God who has revealed Himself to us in the Bible is still at work. From the beginning of the universe when God spoke and there was light, then going through the process until humans were created out of the elements of the earth and the breath of God. He created all of this out of nothing except the energy of his voice and power. God created heaven and Earth. He still creates today, taking people like you and me with broken bodies and fragmented souls and making us new. As we look to Him and trust in Him, he makes us into his image. “This is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being

renewed every day. For our present troubles are small and won’t last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever. (II Corinthians 4:16,17. NLT)

This God revealed in Scripture is not only creative, He is consistent. He is always true to His character and faithful to His people. “Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and supreme over all creation, for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. ... He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together. “(Colossians 1:15, 16a 17). If he can hold all creation together, He can do the same with our lives. When it feels like our world is falling apart, we trust in him to hold us together. God does not lie. His promises are true, He will complete the work he has begun in us until the day Jesus comes for us.” (Philippians 1:6).

This God revealed in His word is a personal God. He called Abram by name. He called Moses by name. He called Paul by name. He calls us by name. “But

whoever loves God is known by God.” (I Corinthians 8:3) In an impersonal world, God still knows our names. We are not statistics on medical lists. He has plans for us and they are good.

As his children, we are called to reflect his love and character to our world. In the chaos, we seek to be creative as God is. How can this be used to bring new insight and solve problems? How can we make this a better world than we found it? What new things does God want to do in our lives, in our families and our churches? Be consistent. Stay faithful, calm and true when nothing else seems to be that way. Stay personal. Treat each person you encounter as valuable, created in the image of God. Get to know them by name. I know it is harder to remember names as I age, but still make the effort. You may be used by God to make their lives new and restore hope.

God has a way of bringing light into the darkness, of bringing life out of death. Let the Light of Christ shine in you. What a way to start a new year.

Dave Phillips is the pastor of Wabash Friends Church.

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Representatives District 50 seat.

Sweet is a 1997 graduate of Maconaquah High School and a 2001 graduate of Purdue University. She graduated with a bachelor’s degree in animal agribusiness.

After graduation, Lorissa worked for several years in the veterinary industry. In 2009 she opened Sweet Grooms out of her home, “to be more available” for her family.

In 2021, she started another new business called Sweet Occasions LLC, a wedding trailer and decor rental business.

In January 2016, Sweet filed her candidacy for Wabash County Council at Large, Precinct Committeeman and Republican State Delegate. In May 2016, she won all three positions on the primary ballot. She is now in her second term serving on the Wabash County Council. Her current term expires in 2024.

As a member of Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, she is involved in the women’s ministry, helping with

women’s events, decorating and leading Bible studies. Together with her husband, Jeremy Sweet, they lead a small group and volunteer for summer youth programs. They also serve on the Secretariat for Brethren Way of Christ and Faith Quest, which are weekend spiritual retreats for adults and teens. They have been married for 20 years and have two daughters.

In September, Sweet was one of the featured speakers at the “Save America Freedom Rally” held on the steps of the Wabash County Courthouse. Sweet said “the past year’s unconstitutional edicts, mandates, and shut-downs have especially hurt small businesses,” including her own.

Once per decade, the congressional, Indiana Senate and Indiana House of Representatives districts are redrawn following the results of the latest census.

Previously, all of Wabash County and parts of Kosciusko, Grant and Howard counties were covered by Indiana House District 18, represented by Rep. Craig Snow, R-Warsaw.

Now, Indiana House District 50 represents Huntington County and all of

Wabash County, except Pleasant Township. It also covers Jackson Township in Miami County and Jackson Township in Wells County. The district is represented by Rep. Daniel Leonard, R-Huntington.

Leonard, who has served as the representative for the 50th district since 2002, is no stranger to primary challenges. In 2020, he narrowly prevailed against John Stoeffel in the Republican primary, winning with 53.7 percent of the vote before winning easily against Democratic candidate Jorge Fernandez in the general election.

Because the 50th district has historically voted overwhelmingly for the Republican Party, Leonard said that the primary is often more challenging than the general election. With the significant change in the makeup of the district, Leonard said that he knows the challenges he will face in getting to know potential new constituents and voters.

Brett Stover, Huntington Herald-Press editor, contributed to this story. Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.


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Obituaries

Carolyn Lucille Burrous

March 18, 1935 – Jan. 12, 2022

Carolyn Lucille Burrous, 86, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 11:40 am, Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022, at Parkview Wabash Hospital, surrounded by her family. She was born on March 18, 1935, in Wabash, Indiana, to Orville and Goldie (McGriff) Gamble.

Carolyn was a 1953 graduate of Wabash High School. She married Walter Lee Burrous on Nov. 10, 1972 at the Wabash Christian Church; he died April 3, 2009. Carolyn was the supervisor of Central Supply at the Wabash County Hospital for more than 30 years, and also worked at White’s Institute in Wabash, and JC Penney. She was a member of Bachelor Creek Church of Christ. Carolyn enjoyed shopping, watching the Hallmark Channel, and especially loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by six children, Dennis (Diana) Siders of Wabash, Kevin Siders of Delray Beach, Florida, Debbie (Kiarash) Abtin of Mount Juliet, Tennessee, Scott (Tammy) Siders of Lagro, Indiana, Michael (Kim) Burrous of Biloxi, Mississippi, and Todd (Eileen) Burrous of New Albany, Indiana, 16 grandchildren, Emily Martin, Steven (Amy) Siders, Chris (Angie) Siders, Abby Siders, Jessica (Adam) DiGeralamo, Daria (Dewey) Grattan, Ashley (John) Nelson, Allison (Andrew) King, Bryan Bur-



rous, Angie Gartman, Alicia Burrous, Elizabeth Burrous, Lauren (Ben) McWhorter, Aubrey (Andrew) Hudson, Steven (Keisha) Burrous, and Chris Burrous, and 35 great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her parents, son, Ronnie Burrous, and her brother, Howard Gamble.

Funeral services will be 11:00 am, Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor Michael Eaton officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm Tuesday, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is Bachelor Creek Church of Christ.

The memorial guest book for Carolyn may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Michael Lee Robinson

Sept. 3, 1951 – Jan. 8, 2022

Michael Lee Robinson, 70, of South Whitley, died peacefully at 8:45 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022, at Hospice Home, Fort Wayne, where he was admitted on Dec. 30th.

Born on Sept. 3, 1951, in Wabash, Indiana, he was the son of the late Lee G. and Mildred F. (Webb) Robinson. He grew up in Wabash and graduated from Wabash High School in 1969.

Joining Conrail railroad in 1980, he worked as a track foreman until 1991, when a work-related injury left him partially disabled. For the next many years, he worked as a farmhand with area farmers.

In his younger years, he participated in the bowling leagues and enjoyed taking his kids’ bowling. Kind



and friendly to his neighbors, he liked to socialize with them whenever possible.

Surviving is a daughter, Kelli Ann (Justin) McCurdy, and son Josh J. (Leslee) Robinson both of Columbia City; grandchildren, Taelor & Brycen Robinson and Gavin McCurdy; step-grandchildren Hannah Weber, Xavier, and Hartleigh Derbeck.

Additionally, he was preceded in death by a son Cory Robinson and a sister Patricia Kaufman.

Michael’s wishes are to have no services. Burial will take place at a later date at Falls Avenue Cemetery in Wabash.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com

Donald E. Harlan

Donald E. Harlan, 69, North Manchester, passed away on Jan. 12, 2022 at his daughter’s home.

The loving memory of Donald E. Harlan will be forever cherished by his wife, Connie S. (Lowe) Harlan; sons, Donald A. (Amanda) Harlan, and Joe (Sheryl) Harlan; daughter, Jessica (Brandon) Strevey; brother,

Warren E. (Patricia) Harlan; Thirteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Per the wishes of Donald, there will be no services. Burial will take place at Swank Cemetery at a later date.

The family of Donald E. Harlan has entrusted McKee Mortuary with care and final arrangements.

Mary Ann Netro

Feb. 27, 1964 – Jan. 8, 2022

Mary Ann Netro, 57, of Huntington, Indiana and formerly of Wabash passed unexpectedly at 7:26 pm, Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022.

Mary was born on Feb. 27, 1964 in Wabash, Indiana.

A celebration of her life will take place at 2:00 pm, Monday, Jan. 17, 2022 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana with Mike Wal-

ters officiating.

The interment will take place in the Akron Cemetery, Akron, Indiana following the service.

Memorial visitation will be from 1 pm to 2 pm, Monday, Jan. 17, 2022 at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, Indiana.

Share a Memory or send an Online Condolence at: www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com

Frances Slocum Chapter of the DAR holds January meeting

The next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 8 at the Grandstaff-Hentgen Activity Room

STAFF REPORT

The monthly meeting of the Frances Slocum Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) took place on Tuesday, Jan. 11 at the Grandstaff-Hentgen Activity Room, according to regent Barbara Amiss.

Seven members were present, with a guest Peggy Siders and speaker Doug Wise.

The meeting opened with the DAR ritual, followed by devotions by Tamra Wise. The January President General’s message from Denise Doring VanBuren was shared by Kie Kirk.

“I truly believe there is something for everyone in today’s DAR, and I hope that you will find something that allows you to express your love of country in the new year ahead,” said Doring VanBuren. “We are the living link between past and future – so resolve with me to do still more in support of our important mission in 2022.”

The National Defense Report was on Sunday, Jan. 9 as National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (LEAD).

“Law enforcement officers of every rank and file have chosen a profession that puts their life on the line every day for their communities,” said Amiss.

“They’ve answered a call to public service that is demanding and often unap-

preciated.” The report was given by Phyllis Little. The chapter sent appreciation cards to local law enforcement offices in the recent drug arrests in North Manchester.

Committee Minutes were on “Conservation: The Oak Tree,” “American Flag: Modifications,” “American Indian: The Potlatch,” “Constitution: Fifth Amendment,” “Women’s Issues: Heart Attack” and “America 250 Minute: Margaret Brent.”

A program on Powder Horns was presented by Wise and Amiss. A powder horn was a container for gunpowder, generally created from cow, ox or buffalo horns. The shape has to be long and curved; typically held by a long strap and slung over the shoulder; for which powder flask is the strictly correct term. A horn was naturally waterproof and already hollow inside. “I powder with my brother ball most hero like do conquer all.”: Variations of this verse can be found engraved on many powder horns from the 18th century.

The next meeting of the Frances Slocum Chapter will be Tuesday, Feb. 8 at the Grandstaff-Hentgen Activity Room. Prospective members and guests are always welcome to attend. DAR membership is open to any woman 18 years of age, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution.

Those having questions about their family history lineage information may visit www.dar.org or call Tamra Wise at 574-527-2208 or Amiss at 260-982-4376.

Gerald Wayne ‘Gerry’ Bishop

Gerald Wayne “Gerry” Bishop, 78, Fort Wayne, Indiana, passed away Dec. 31, 2021.

The loving memory of Gerald Wayne “Gerry” Bishop will be forever cherished by his brother, LeRoy (Dorcas) Bishop; nephews, Michael (Barb) Bishop and Patrick Bishop;; nieces, Lisa (Ray) Mathias and Annette

Urschel; many great nieces and nephews; and the many coworkers and friends he made during his life.

A graveside service will be held at South Pleasant Cemetery, North Manchester, Indiana, at a later date.

The family of Gerry Bishop has entrusted McKee Mortuary with care and final arrangements.

STAFF REPORT

Asbury Country Church

On Sunday, Jan. 16 at Asbury Country Church, 1998 E. 250 South, the Sunday school will be at 9:30 a.m. and the worship service will be at 10:30 a.m. The worship and music leader will be Amy Bullick and the piano will be by Cathy Staggs. The morning message from Pastor Mike Bullick will be, “Gift of a Lifetime.”

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ

Online services are available by visiting www.bachelorcreek.com.

Christ United Methodist Church

Worship service will also be live-streamed on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/.

Christian Heritage Church

Streaming services online and broadcast on 95.9 FM.

College Corner Brethren Church

College Corner Brethren Church is now holding in-person services at 10:15 a.m. Sundays at 8996 S. 500 West, with Pastor Solomon David. The sermons are still on YouTube and Facebook.

Common Ground Prayer House

The Common Ground Prayer House will be open to the public from 8 to 10 a.m. Mondays, except holidays, at 78 W. Hill St. For more information, call Jennifer Mahan at 260-571-8063, Shirley Neale at 260-591-

0047 or Debbie Sweet at 260-571-6072.

Dora Christian Church

At the Sunday, Jan. 16 service at Dora Christian Church, 2325 S. Salamonie Dam Road, Lagro, the minister will be Mark Wisniewski, the song leader will be Olman Sanchez, the pianist will be Sherry Brock and the organist will be Kristy Good. We have two in-person Sunday morning services, one at 8:15 a.m. and one at 10:30 a.m., with Sunday School classes for all ages from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. The message for both services will be, “A Healthy Church Studies” from Hebrews 4:12-13, as part of the January sermon theme of Healthcare for the Church. The Communion Table will be served by Brad Frieden and Scott Hendry. There will be a Children’s Church for the 10:30 a.m. service to be conducted by Kelly and Lynnette Good. A recorded version of the sermon will also be available for viewing on the Dora Christian Church Facebook group by the morning of Sunday, Jan. 16.

LaFontaine Christian Church

The LaFontaine Christian Church pre-records the sermon which is then available for all to view at www.lafontainechristian.com under the sermons tab, stated Pastor Brad Wright.

LaFontaine United Methodist Church

Pastor Susan Shambaugh says that her LaFontaine United Methodist Church is showing replay videos on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/LaFontaine-United-Methodist-Church>. In-person services start at 9:30 a.m. Sundays.

Lincolnville United Methodist Church

Lincolnville United Methodist, 5848 E. 500 South, is going back to one worship service. The worship service is at 10 a.m., and Sunday school is at 9 a.m. For more information, email pastor john1954@gmail.com or call 260-563-1406.

Living Faith Lutheran Church

Welcome to our in-person worship service at 10:10 a.m. Sundays at Living Faith Lutheran Church, 242 S. Huntington St. Bible study and Sunday school are at 9 a.m. for all ages. The sanctuary is arranged for social distancing. Masks are encouraged and available. Online services are at 10:10 a.m., with pre-service music at 10 a.m. For virtual services and more information, visit www.livingfaithwabash.org.

Manchester Church of the Brethren

Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-stream service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday by visiting www.manchestercob.net. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says, “Manchester CoB YouTube Channel.” After the service is finished, one may access a video copy of the live stream in the same way. Another way to access the live stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search “Manchester Church of the Brethren,” and click on the circle profile.

North Manchester Congregational Christian Church

Pastor Sebrena Cline stated live-streaming begins

on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sundays for the North Manchester Congregational Christian Church, and lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

North Manchester Missionary Church

The North Manchester Missionary Church is streaming live on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday. The video is then placed on their webpage, which can be viewed by visiting NMMC1.com.

Olive Branch Church of God

The Olive Branch Church of God live-streams Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Find it through Facebook, by searching Olive Branch Church, or by visiting www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch or through the church website www.olivebranch.church. Click “Live Streaming” at the top, then click the series icon (lion head).

Richvalley United Methodist Church

Worship at Richvalley United Methodist Church begins at 9:30 a.m. Sundays at 290 N. Jefferson St. Sunday school begins at 10:45 a.m. For more information, call 260-563-1033 or email rvumc@hotmail.com.

Southside Free Will Baptist

Streaming on their Facebook page.

Sweetwater Assembly of God

Streaming services online using the normal service schedule.

Urbana Yoke Parish

Rev. Larry Wade of the

Urbana Yoke Parish stated that his congregation posts Sunday services to www.urbanayokeparish.com. Go to the menu line at the top of the page and select “Worship Videos.” The most recent one will appear first. Sunday services are posted by noon every Tuesday.

Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Welcome to Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 110 W. Hill St. In-person worship is at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary or via live-stream for the church at home on the Wabash Christian YouTube Channel. Access is also available on our Facebook page and website wabashchristian.org. Stephen Eberhard is the Minister.

Wabash Church of the Brethren

At Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond St., services will be at 10:30 a.m. Sunday in person. Masks are recommended. There is no children’s church or Sunday school at this time. You may reach Pastor Doug Veal at the church office, 260-563-5291, on his cell phone at 260-225-3014, or by email at pastordoug@wabashcob.org.

Wabash Church of the Nazarene

Pastor Kirk Johnson, of the Wabash Church of the Nazarene, stated their service is available on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Find it by going to YouTube and searching for “Wabash Nazarene” or search Facebook for the Wabash Church of the Nazarene. Another option is to visit www.wabashnaz.com,

look for the home page, and find “Latest Sermon.”

Walk by Faith Community Church

At the Walk by Faith Community Church in Roann, Sunday school begins at 9 a.m. and the worship and children’s worship services begin at 10 a.m. The Walk by Faith Youth ministry meets at 5 p.m. every Sunday. “All are welcomed and we would love for you to join us,” said Pastor Judy Tyner. For more information, visit www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com.

Wabash First Church of God

On Sunday, Jan. 16, at Wabash First Church of God, 525 N. Miami St., at the 10:30 a.m. worship service, Pastor Robb Rensberger will speak on, “Submit to One Another.” The sermon can also be seen on YouTube under Wabash 1st Church and heard at 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 16 on 105.9 FM. Sunday Servants are Sue White, chairperson; Chris Sands, worship; Chris Sands, special music; Rose Sands, organ; and Nancy Kolb, piano.

Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash

Pastor Jerry Gauthier says that the Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash is streaming through their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/zionwabash at 10:30 a.m. Sundays.

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A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15

Biden’s agenda: Buried in a legislative graveyard

Joe Biden wants to go down in history as a transformative U.S. president. He began his time in office by passing a popular economic stimulus and COVID-19 relief bill. The Biden White House basked in comparisons with Franklin Roosevelt’s country-changing presidency. With Democrats in control of the executive and legislative branches of government, the sky seemed the limit. However, in recent months Mr. Biden’s agenda – most notably on climate change – has been buried in a legislative graveyard.

This is in part because the U.S. Senate is a rare law-making body: it needs a super-majority for ordinary business. Its rules require 60 senators to give the green light for a bill to go to the floor for passage with a straightforward vote. This is the hurdle required to beat a filibuster, where debate is extended so that no vote on a bill can take place. Frustrated and hamstrung, President Biden has cooled on such mechanisms. He’s right to think about ending this manoeuvre, which is used to block legislation a majority wishes to pass. The 41 Repub-

lican senators needed to defeat “cloture” motions – those required to end a debate – could represent less than a quarter of the U.S. population.

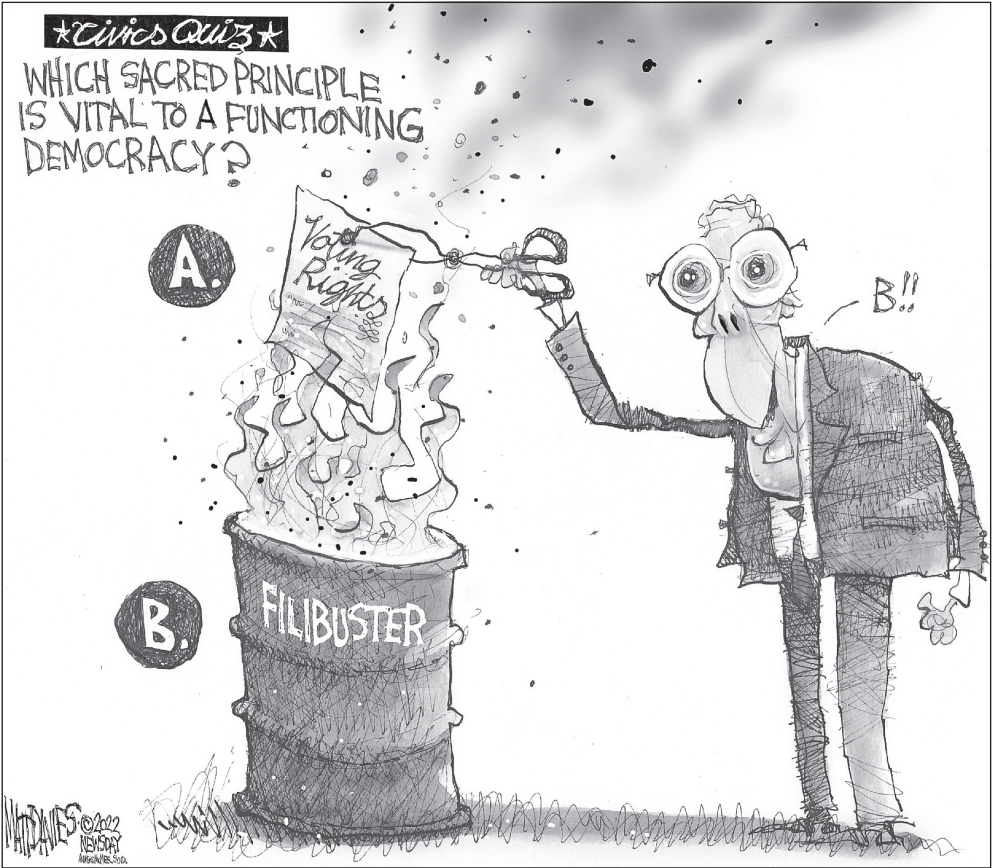
As EJ Dionne pointed out in the Washington Post last October, the filibuster “is now a barrier to normal governing ... From 1917 through 1970 (53 years), there were only 58 cloture motions. From 1971 to 2006 (35 years) there were 928. From 2007 to now (14 years) there have been 1,419.” As the use of the filibuster has become more frequent, so have the threats for “the nuclear option” to change the rules and impose simple majority votes. When Barack Obama was in the White House, Democrats eliminated the filibuster on presidential nominations other than those for the supreme court. In 2017, with Donald Trump as president, Republicans got rid of those too.

On Tuesday, Mr Biden gave a major speech on voting rights in Georgia. The Republican party at a state level has been promoting suppression and gerrymandering legislation that targets minority voters and, in some cases, permits

the takeover of the election administration to override an official count. The Democrats are pushing two bills to secure American democracy. This is a battle that Mr Biden cannot afford to lose. However he will struggle because of the filibuster. This could be abolished by a simple majority vote but, absurdly, two senators on the right of the party – Joe Manchin of West Virginia and Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona – won’t back him. The best Mr. Biden can do with his one-vote Senate majority is negotiate a filibuster carve-out for voting rights.

What the past year has taught Mr. Biden is that advances for economic and political rights will be dead on arrival in the Senate unless he can rewrite its procedural rule book. He must do so, and convince holdout Democrats that unless they back the party agenda, they risk dooming every legislative expedition. Electing Mr. Biden and Democratic majorities in Congress were meant to deliver the party’s agenda, not let it be obstructed by its opponents.

This editorial was first published in The Guardian.



Short session agnosia

Everyone will have a favorite piece of legislation to root for or against this session of the Indiana General Assembly, so there is a chance some of the lesser bills will escape attention.

Here are three I’ll be monitoring.

■ House Bill 1013, which would designate the mastodon as the state fossil.

■ Senate Bill 81, which would require the teaching of cursive writing in Indiana schools.

■ S.B. 124, which would change the rules governing when Hoosier drivers must engage their turn signals.

I like the mastodon bill because it is utterly inconsequential, costing nothing, affecting nobody, leaving not a single wrinkle in the fabric of our lives.

The cursive bill could be described as meddling in local education affairs, but it has roughly zero chance of passing. Sen. Jean Lessing has been on a quixotic mission to improve our penmanship for years.

Hoosiers might be alarmed at the turn-signal bill, since most of us drive. But never fear. Current law requires signaling 200 feet ahead of a turn, which is problematic in urban areas, since many intersections are fewer feet apart than that. So, the new standard would be to signal, period, the distance left to the driver.

Basically, a standard that can’t be complied with will be replaced with one too vague to matter. But it’s such a trivial issue that it’s hard to work up any resentment except mild irritation.

Leo Morris



Useless. Pointless. Mildly irritating. That says a lot, doesn’t it?

On the other hand, a bill was just introduced, aiming to reform prison sentencing, that is none of those things. Or, rather, the goal is to un-reform prison sentencing in order to correct a whopping big blunder the Legislature made nearly a decade ago.

In 2013, legislators thought they had a brilliant idea to partially empty the state’s embarrassingly overcrowded prisons. The lowest-level felons would go not to prison but to county jails, where, in the words of The Associated Press, they would receive “intensive local probation, work-release or addiction-treatment programs that would help prevent them from becoming career criminals.”

In one way, it worked all too well. The number of inmates being sent to state prisons dropped by about 40 percent a year, for a total of nearly 6,000.

But legislators did not exactly do due diligence to find out whether counties could handle a jail population that exploded by 60 percent. As a result, “most of the state’s 92 jails” are “overcrowded, understaffed and ill-equipped to deal with the influx of people with addiction and other mental health issues.”

You’d think that having to cope with such a colossal misjudgment would give legislators a little humility, make them a little more cautious

about what they know, a little less ambitious about what they think they can fix.

But no. This is the short session, with the two-year budget safely in place, when legislators should attend to loose ends and errant contingencies. Indiana has an embarrassment of riches – hundreds of millions of federal funds floating around and a state surplus that is approaching 30 percent of the budget. Lawmakers should just give us a tax cut – even a modest one – and return home to praise for a job well done.

Instead, they are debating legislation that would have profound effects on the everyday lives of Hoosiers, on everything from how their children will be educated to how their employers must deal with a pandemic. They will plow ahead regardless of how little they really know about local conditions, let alone local desires.

Heaven only knows what they will have to undo in 2031.

By the way, in addition to a state tree, flower, song and seal, we can be proud to boast of a state insect and a state snack. But before we worry about a state fossil, shouldn’t we designate a state fish and mammal?

You may print your proposals. Cursive isn’t necessary. Yet.

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LETTERS

Include those with disabilities in the civil rights conversation

This time every year, we honor the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He lived an inspired life. We should all strive to transform a nation for good as he did. In 2022, I reflect on a quote of Dr. King’s: “Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about the things that matter.” This quote resonates with me because my life’s work is focused – in words and actions – on bringing light to issues that impact people with disabilities. As we continue the fight for civil rights in our country, I have found those living with disabilities are sometimes excluded from the conversation.

I am the vice president of external affairs for Bosma Enterprises. We are the leading employer of people who are blind or visually impaired in Indiana. Our mission is to help Hoosiers navigate blindness. I am one of the thousands of Hoosiers who has had to learn to live in a world that is not always eager to embrace people with disabilities.

Our nation has come a long way since Dr. King marched on Washington, but alongside that progress, I see challenges in the fight for civil rights not only in terms of race but in terms of ability. Americans who are disabled face a history of discrimination, misperceptions and lack of opportunity in all facets of life, especially in finding employment.

Seventy percent of people with disabilities are unemployed in the United States. Work can be life-sustaining for many. People with disabilities have a right to work and want to work. Right now, we face an employment crisis brought on by COVID-19, in which many people with disabilities lost their jobs. A stable career can provide both income and purpose.

Although the federal government has responded to these cries for help numerous times, we can do more to protect the civil liberties of people with disabilities. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) has increased opportunities across the country, but federal officials have failed to increase their investment in hiring Americans with disabilities.

Bringing equity to the population of people with disabilities is more than just civil rights; it’s about basic human rights. I hope that we can move forward to increase respect, support and celebration of human diversity by creating conditions that allow participation from a wider audience.

Dr. King never sat silently in the face of adversity. He shined a light on injustice. I, too, will continue to fight for positive change for people with disabilities. I invite you to join me by getting involved. No matter what you do, look for ways to be more inclusive in your business and your community. Reach out to businesses like Bosma to find out how you can partner and affect change. All Americans deserve equal opportunity. It is good business and the right thing to do.

Lise Pace, MBA Vice President of External Affairs, Bosma Enterprises

Stuttering is often misunderstood

As businesses and organizations continue to struggle with staffing shortages, the Stuttering Foundation unveiled some good news for employers – according to speech experts, people who stutter tend to show significantly better than average care and perseverance in completing their workplace responsibilities.

Stuttering is often misunderstood. As a result, employers may mistakenly pass over qualified candidates who stutter. Now is a good time to hire more people who stutter in the workplace. One percent of the population stutters – that’s 3 million people in the U.S.

Learn more at StutteringHelp.org.

Jane Fraser President, the Stuttering Foundation Memphis, Tennessee

Democracy is not supposed to be this hard

Many good-hearted Americans want to unite America once again. But the way to unity in a democracy is not to force uniform policy on the entire nation like we are trying to do now. The solution is to agree on how policy-making is to be done on the local level. That solution is by majority rule.

Under this system, there can be wide policy differences from one locality to another, like on abortion, education curriculum, prostitution, gambling, birth control, degree of state responsibility for health care, even carbon consumption and water purity.

A limited number of policy issues are to be decided on the national level, like international trade and national defense. Our Constitution says the national government must guarantee basic human rights in each state like speech, religion, press, assembly, voting, etc., but it does not require the government to make public policy the same everywhere.

In democracies, all that is needed is an indication of the majority view on the local level. The minority then has to go along with the majority decision. The minority is destined to be disappointed in some policy areas, but successful in other policy areas. The key to democracy is that both the majority and the minority can always have a say. In an aristocracy or a monarchy, only the rich or only the king has a say, so democracy is a step forward.

Kimball Shinkoskey Woods Cross, Utah

Disloyal football bowl dropouts

As a Penn Stater, class of 1963, I was disappointed with six starting football players who dropped out of the recent Outback Bowl. Five were defensive starters, which crippled the Penn State defense. Coach Franklin said it was the worst bowl opt-out situation he has experienced. Happily, the Big Ten record in the bowls was 6 and 4.

Players dropping out of bowl games for fear of being injured before the NFL draft is disconcerting. Injuries can occur anytime during their careers. Most of the players were on four-year scholarships and committed to play the football seasons, which includes bowl games.

The NCAA and athletic conferences have to address this problem because it demeans the significance of bowl games and compromises the spirit of college athletics.

Michigan Heisman Trophy runner-up Aidan Hutchinson summed why players should not opt-out, stating, “We wouldn’t leave our team out to dry ever just for all the work we’ve put in.”

Maybe NFL teams should question the loyalty of these bowl dropout players.

Additionally, what about the college football coaches who took jobs with other schools and did not coach their previous teams in bowl games?

Donald Moskowitz Londonderry, New Hampshire

Lifestyles



Photo by Lynda Balslev for TasteFood

Blood orange winter delight

It's citrus season, and there's no better way to embrace it than with blood oranges. Despite their graphic name, blood oranges are sweet, delectable and unique. They are smaller than standard oranges, with mottled orange and rose-hued rinds. When peeled, their interior reveals segments streaked in brilliant

crimson, ruby and port wine colors – hence their name. Blood oranges are packed with vitamins C and A and contain a compound called anthocyanin, which is a powerful antioxidant that makes their flesh their signature color. (It's the same compound that turns blueberries and blackberries blue and purple, and cranberries and cabbage red.) The flavor of the orange is seductively murky, wine-y, and understatedly sweet, with less brightness and acidity than navel oranges. The unique flavor of blood orange lends well to desserts, syrups, cocktails and sauces. In this recipe, it provides a wonderful contrast to the creamy sweetness of creme brulee. A layer of blood orange curd, punctuated with a pop of sea salt, provides the base to the custard as well as a fresh – and colorful – surprise when dipped into with a spoon. A Cointreau-blood orange supreme finishes the custard as an optional garnish. (Supreme is a French

method to segment citrus fruit by neatly removing the pith and membranes.) Yes, the holiday season is behind us, but that should not deter us from making an impressive dessert. This recipe takes some time to prepare, but each component can be made in advance of serving. Consider it a fun weekend project. The results will brighten any winter doldrums and provide a perfect excuse to invite a few friends over for a cozy and convivial gathering.

Blood Orange Creme Brulee
Active Time: 45 minutes
Total Time: 1 hour and 20 minutes, plus cooling time
Yield: Makes 6 servings

Blood Orange Curd:
4 large egg yolks
2/3 cup sugar
1/2 cup strained fresh blood orange juice
1/4 cup unsalted butter, softened
1/8 teaspoon sea salt
Custard:
6 large egg yolks
2/3 cup granulated sugar
2/3 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 cups heavy cream
Topping:
3 tablespoons granulated sugar
3 tablespoons light brown sugar
Pinch of sea salt
Make the curd:
Place the yolks, sugar and juice in the pot of a double boiler placed over simmering water. Whisk to blend and continue to stir with a wooden spoon until the mixture thickens and coats the back of the spoon, 10 to

12 minutes. Remove from the heat and whisk in the butter and salt until melted. Pour the curd into a glass container. Line the top of the curd with plastic wrap to prevent a skin from forming and cool to room temperature. The curd will continue to thicken as it cools. (The curd can be prepared up to 3 days before using.)
Make the custard:
Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Arrange six (6-ounce) ramekins in a baking dish. Spoon a layer of chilled curd into the ramekins, about 1/4 inch deep. Whisk the egg yolks, sugar, and vanilla until light and fluffy. Heat the cream in a large saucepan over medium heat until it just begins to boil. Remove from the heat and add the cream to the egg mixture in a steady stream, whisking gently to blend. Pour the custard back into the saucepan and cook over medium-low heat, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon, until the custard thickens slightly and coats the back of the spoon, about 5 minutes. Ladle the custard into the ramekins. Pour boiling water into the baking dish halfway up the ramekins to make a water bath (bain marie). Transfer the baking dish to the oven and bake until the custards are just set but still a bit jiggly, 35 to 40 minutes. (If the tops begin to brown before set, loosely cover the baking dish with parchment paper or aluminum foil.) Transfer the baking dish

to a wire rack and cool the custards in the water for 15 minutes. Remove the ramekins from the pan and cool completely on the rack. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 6 hours or overnight. Before serving, mix the granulated sugar, brown sugar and salt together in a small bowl. Sprinkle each ramekin evenly with the sugar to cover. Light a blowtorch and hold the flame 2 to 3 inches above the custard, slowly moving it back and forth until the sugar melts and turns deep golden brown. (Alternatively, place the ramekins on a baking sheet and broil under an oven broiler until the tops are deep golden brown, carefully watching to prevent burning.) Let stand for about 5 minutes to allow the top to harden. Serve with the blood orange supreme (recipe below).
Blood Orange Supreme:
2 blood oranges, segmented
2 teaspoons Cointreau or orange-flavored liqueur
1 teaspoon sugar
Using a chef's knife or paring knife, cut the top and base from each orange. Stand the orange on the cutting board and cut away the skin and pith, making sure that all the white pith is removed. Using a paring knife, cut along the membranes to lift out and release the orange segments. Place the segments in a bowl. Sprinkle the Cointreau and sugar over and stir to combine. Let stand for at least 30 minutes or refrigerate overnight. Use segments to garnish creme brulee dishes.

Study: Stronger evidence linking virus to multiple sclerosis

By **LAURAN NEERGAARD**
Associated Press

There's more evidence that one of the world's most common viruses may set some people on the path to developing multiple sclerosis. Multiple sclerosis is a potentially disabling disease that occurs when immune system cells mistakenly attack the protective coating

on nerve fibers, gradually eroding them. The Epstein-Barr virus has long been suspected of playing a role in development of MS. It's a connection that's hard to prove because just about everybody gets infected with Epstein-Barr, usually as kids or young adults – but only a tiny fraction develop MS. Thursday, Harvard re-

searchers reported one of the largest studies yet to back the Epstein-Barr theory. They tracked blood samples stored from more than 10 million people in the U.S. military and found the risk of MS increased 32-fold following Epstein-Barr infection. The military regularly administers blood tests to its members and the research-

ers checked samples stored from 1993 to 2013, hunting antibodies signaling viral infection. Just 5.3 percent of recruits showed no sign of Epstein-Barr when they joined the military. The researchers compared 801 MS cases subsequently diagnosed over the 20-year period with 1,566 service members who never got MS.

Tax season, once again, is going to be a hot mess

If trouble truly comes in threes, prepare for another tumultuous tax season. For the third year in a row, the IRS expects to face a tough time processing some returns, getting refunds out and answering taxpayer calls. Treasury Department officials, in trying to manage people's expectations, say the IRS will face enormous challenges related to the pandemic and years of underfunding. Ahead of the opening of the 2022 tax season, here are answers to some questions you may have if you're expecting a refund.

When does tax season start?
The IRS says it will begin accepting and processing returns for the 2021 tax year on Monday, Jan. 24. The filing deadline is pushed this year to Monday, April 18, because of the Emancipation Day holiday in D.C. Taxpayers in Maine and Massachusetts have until April 19 because of their Patriots' Day holiday.

Should I offset 2021 taxes with the refund I am owed?
Unfortunately, no, you can't offset any 2021 tax liability if you're expecting a refund for 2020, says IRS spokesman Eric Smith. **Should I wait to file my 2021 return if my previous return hasn't been processed?**
You do not need to wait for your 2020 return to be fully processed to file your 2021 tax return, Smith said. As soon as you have your 2021 records – W-2s, 1099s, other year-end statements, etc. – file your return.

What should I do if the IRS is still processing an amended return?
There isn't anything you can do. As of Jan. 1, the IRS said it had 2.3 million unprocessed 1040-X forms. Amended returns are processed in the order received. The current time frame can be more than 20 weeks instead of up to 16, the IRS said in an operations update. I know you may be worried and think you need to file a second tax return. But don't do it. If you're searching for the status of your amended return, try using the "Where's My Amended Return?" tool on the IRS website.

What's the fastest way to get my refund?
"Filing electronically with direct deposit and avoiding a paper tax return is more important than ever this year," IRS Commissioner Charles Rettig said in a statement about the start of the tax season. There are some people who must file a paper return. But avoid filing a paper return if you can. Treasury Department and IRS officials said they cannot emphasize that enough. If you file electronically and have the IRS direct the money to a bank account, you should get your refund within 21 calendar days. That's the usual time frame. Do your best to triple-check everything on your return, said National Taxpayer Advocate Erin M. Collins.

"If a filed return is inconsistent with IRS records, it will require manual processing and likely will cause a delay in the issuance of the refund," Collins said. A mistake can result in having to file an amended return, and this is not the year to be in that position. "Processing time frames for amended returns are

likely to lengthen as we get into tax season," Smith said. **How can I check the status of my refund?**
If the IRS refund tracking tool "Where's My Refund?" is working as intended, it can ease your mind about when to expect your money. However, processing delays – especially due to the pandemic – can result in vague messages on the tool. If your return hasn't been processed, you won't find out what's causing a delay in your refund. Will and Elizabeth Rodger are still waiting on their 2020 refund. The IRS owes the Alexandria, Va., couple a refund of about \$8,900. They've been checking "Where's My Refund?" but still no news of when they can expect their money. They filed their federal return last March. "It's kind of ridiculous," Will Rodger said. "We are okay, but there are a lot of people for whom, you know, this money is going to make a big difference in their lives, and this is really horrible that this is what's going on." After checking for months on the whereabouts of their refund, the Rodgers say they are now receiving an electronic message that the IRS can't provide any information about their refund. They haven't received any correspondence from the IRS about why there's a delay. "It's just bizarre," Rodger said. "It's just concerning." For more background information on refunds, including a set of frequently asked questions, visit irs.gov/refunds. **Why can't I get anyone on the phone to explain my refund delay?**
All you want is an answer, an explanation, something. Yet, trying to call the IRS will probably lead to an increase in your blood pressure. Although, as many readers have pointed out, the IRS is quick to cash your check if you owe money. What's holding up your return or refund may not have anything to do with something you did or did not do. Treasury Department and IRS officials say the delays are still partly pandemic-related but also the result of chronic staff shortages, budget cuts and old technology. In the first half of 2021, the IRS said it had fewer than 15,000 people to handle more than 240 million calls, which translates to one person for every 16,000 calls received by the agency. Of course, that's little consolation if you're waiting for a refund or for your tax issue to be resolved. "I know it's an extraordinary time for the IRS," Elizabeth Rodger said. "I understand this, but this is people's money. You would think someone would make this more of a priority." She's right. This hot mess with the filing seasons is on Congress, not the poor souls slogging it out at home or in IRS offices across the country. They deserve better, and so do you. *Readers can write to Michelle Singletary c/o The Washington Post, 1301 K St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20071. Her email address is michelle.singletary@washpost.com. Follow her on Twitter (@SingletaryM) or Facebook (www.facebook.com/MichelleSingletary). Comments and questions are welcome, but due to the volume of mail, personal responses may not be possible. Please also note comments or questions may be used in a future column, with the writer's name, unless a specific request to do otherwise is indicated.*

Elon Musk, the Babylon Bee and the teachings of Jesus

By **TERRY MATTINGLY**

At the end of each podcast, Babylon Bee leaders ask guests the same 10 questions, including this stumper: “Calvinist or Arminian?”

That caught Elon Musk by surprise, and he needed clarification on the difference between Arminian believers and persons from Armenia. After some background on Protestant history, he said: “My mind would say ‘determinism’ and my heart says ‘free will.’”

Why was the mastermind behind Tesla and SpaceX – a man worth \$278 billion at the end of 2021 – talking to a Christian satire website? The answer: Musk has 69.7 million Twitter followers, and he frequently responds to them, even if it’s a U.S. senator questioning his taxes.

“You know, he engages with our content from time to time,” Bee CEO Seth Dillon told Fox News. After email exchanges about a meeting, Musk said: “Fly to me

and we’ll do it.”

The result was 100-plus minutes of conversation in Austin, Texas, ranging from satire to science and from politics to pop culture. Topics included sustainable energy, superheroes (Musk would choose to be “Irony Man”), why entrepreneurs are fleeing California, the physics of reusable rockets, cyborgs, how “wokeness” threatens humor, CNN morality and the future of a planet near an expanding sun.

Musk discussed his journey from South Africa to America, including his days as a manual laborer while struggling to pay student loans. Then he dove into computer coding and online commerce, making millions of dollars that led to Tesla. The rest is history.

On celebrity websites, Musk is often described as an atheist or agnostic. Asked if he prays, Musk once replied: “I didn’t even pray when I almost died of malaria.” But after the success of the first manned Falcon rocket mission,

Musk said in his public remarks: “You know, I’m not very religious, but I prayed for this one.”

In the Bee interview, Musk discussed his complex religious background, which included going to “Anglican Sunday school, the Church of England, basically. But I was also sent to Hebrew preschool, although I’m not Jewish. ... I was singing ‘Hava Nagila’ one day and ‘Jesus Our Lord’ the next.” Later, he had an “existential crisis,” read the Bible and other religious classics and concluded: “There’s a whole bunch of things in there they didn’t teach you in Sunday school.”

There was humor in these exchanges, along with serious questions, said Bee editor Kyle Mann, via email. After all, these podcasts have featured atheists, agnostics, “Christians of all stripes” and “everyone in between.”

This chance to “pick Elon Musk’s brain and get his thoughts on God, faith, religion and the Gospel was incredibly humbling,”

said Mann. “You could certainly feel him searching and working through the eternal questions everyone has to encounter at some point: Does God exist, and what do you do with Jesus Christ?” Mann said the dialogue continued after the recording stopped.

In the podcast, creative director Ethan Nicolle did ask: “To make this ‘church,’ we’re wondering if you could do us a quick solid and accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior?”

After an awkward pause, and some laughter, Musk took the question seriously.

“There’s great wisdom in the teachings of Jesus, and I agree with those teachings. Things like ‘turn the other cheek’ are very important, as opposed to ‘an eye for an eye.’ An eye for an eye leaves everyone blind,” said Musk, paraphrasing a quote attributed to Mahatma Gandhi. Musk also quoted Albert Einstein, affirming belief in the “God of Spinoza,” in which the material universe is

seen as an expression of God.

“Forgiveness, you know, is important and treating people as you would wish to be treated,” added Musk. “Love thy neighbor as thyself. Very important. ... But hey, if Jesus is saving people ... I won’t stand in his way. Sure, I’ll be saved. Why not?”

At the very end, Musk described his confusion as a 5-year-old, receiving Holy Communion without understanding what was happening and why. At that stage, he said, he was still asking basic Bible questions, “like how Jesus fed the crowd with five loaves and three fish. ... Where did the fish and the bread come from? ... Would you, like, take a bite and the bread would come back to being a full (loaf of) bread? ...

“They left out the details. ... I’m not saying that I know all the answers.”

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PULSE

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honor area benefactor Mark Honeywell’s birthday while celebrating the German heritage of the area. A German meal – to include Alsatian onion and apple soup; pork Rahmschnitzel; roasted asparagus; spätzle; and black forest cake – will be followed by music, a trivia contest, an unusual spelling contest, and a Masskrugstemmen challenge, “a traditional Bavarian contest of strength, where participants hold a full stein for as long as possible.” The evening promises to be lively, with sing-a-longs and plenty of toasting in honor of Mr. Honeywell. Tickets are \$40 per person and may be ordered by visiting honeywellarts.org.

Hundreds to compete at Manchester in Science Olympiad

On Saturday, Jan. 22, the invitational will bring, 15 high school teams and five middle school teams totaling about 400 students to the North Manchester campus. There will be more than 30 events and competitions, with activities that include solving forensic cases, codebreaking and constructing machines such as ping-pong parachutes and musical instruments. Manchester University’s invitational is one of five invitationals in the state this year. Invitational tournaments are a stepping-stone for regional competitions, where the top teams compete for a spot in the 2022 Science Olympiad State Tournament. Science Olympiad is a national organization that has provided premier competition opportunities in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) events for more than 30 years. For more information, visit www.soinc.org.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has

Wabash City Hall to close for MLK Jr. Day

Wabash City Hall and all non-essential departments of the city of Wabash will be closed on Monday, Jan. 17 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, according to Mayor Scott Long’s assistant Bev Vanderpool. All offices will open again at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18.

planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 26 and Feb. 23 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and noon Wednesdays, Feb. 9 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

‘Bite in the 85’ dining program launches

Visit Wabash County’s “Bite in the 85” will take place through Monday, Jan. 31. The participating restaurants will have the opportunity to offer their specials and deals to the public, including 50 East Garden Center and Café, 950 Speakeasy Bistro, Eugenia’s Restaurant, Harry’s Old Kettle Pub & Grill, Market Street Grill, Modoc’s Market, Pizza King and Twenty. The public will have the opportunity to win gift cards to the participating restaurants and five winners will receive a \$100 gift card. Entries will be collected by filling out a short online form that will be accessible by a QR code on all “Bite in the 85” menus at the participating restaurants. For more information, visit VisitWabashCounty.com/bite-in-the-85.

Wabash Tri-Kappa to hold annual Winter Gala

Wabash Tri-Kappa’s annual Winter Gala fundraiser is set to be held Saturday,

Feb. 5 at Heartland REMC, 350 Wedcor Ave. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The evening will consist of dinner, catered by Heather Chenault, “a fun, fabulous and very entertaining” dessert auction by Chad Metzger, from Metzger Auction Services and dancing to tunes spun by “Smit-ty.” A cash bar is also available throughout the evening. The cost for tickets is \$35 a person, and are available from any Tri Kappa member or at Wabash City Hall through Friday, Jan. 28. All profit will go toward scholarships for students from Northfield, Southwood and Wabash high schools and to local charities. For more information, call 765-661-8206.

Salamonie Forest Preschool underway

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Forest Preschool through May for one Tuesday a month or two Tuesdays a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area. Classes for the once-a-month option will be held Tuesdays including Feb. 1, March 1, April 12 and May 3. Classes for the second meeting time each month will also be held Tuesdays including Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 15, April 26 and May 17. Advance registration is required. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

Salamonie ‘Twins Among the Trees’ Forest School underway

Children ages 6 to 13 are invited to Salamonie Forest School at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The class will be offered one Wednesday a month from 9 a.m. to noon at Salamonie Interpretive Center in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, Andrews. Classes will be held on Wednesdays: Feb. 2, March 2 and April 20.

Advance registration is required. Limited space is available. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

Manchester exhibit honors indigenous identity

Link Gallery at Manchester University offers art pieces by North Manchester resident Briana “Bri” Floor in “Indigi-Flections: Reflections on an Indigenous Identity.” The exhibit continues through Feb. 4. Link Gallery is in Winger Hall on East Street in North Manchester. The public is welcome, and masks are required inside MU buildings.

WHS graduates encouraged to apply for the Lucille Camp scholarship

Wabash High School (WHS) has announced that they are preparing to award scholarship funds that have

been endowed by the Lucille Camp Scholarship Foundation. To be eligible to receive funds from the Lucille Camp Scholarship Trust, applicants must be either a 2022 graduate of WHS or a student who graduated from WHS within the last three years, in either 2019, 2020 or 2021. Students must have not previously received grants from the trust for more than three academic years. Eligible students may not be related by blood or marriage, with-in a third degree of consanguinity, to an officer, director, employee or agent of the trustee, which is GBC Bank, who is actively involved in the administration of the trust or the management of its assets. Applications are available in the Guidance Office at WHS or on the Wabash City Schools (WCS) website at <https://www.apaches.k12.in.us/> under High School-Scholarships. Completed applications are due to the WHS Guidance Office by Friday, March 4. For more information, call 260-563-4131.

Manchester Symphony Orchestra announces 83rd season

The Manchester Symphony Orchestra under Conductor Debra Lynn heads into its 83rd season with these concerts in the works: Trailblazers is March 13, at the Honeywell Center in Wabash, Indiana. It celebrates African-American composer Florence Price and her Symphony No. 1 in E minor.

The concert will also feature high school and college winners of the orchestra’s concerto competition. Spaces on May 15, in Cordier is the final concert of the season, showcasing the world premiere of Lynn’s five-movement concerto titled Spaces, written specifically for guest artist Derek Reeves. He is the principal violist of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic.

All concerts are at 3 p.m. on Sundays. Masks and social distancing are required.

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BAPTIST

Southside Free Will Baptist, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm. Sunday worship services streaming online


 **Wabash Free Will Baptist Church**, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

CATHOLIC

 **St. Bernard Catholic Church**, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 a.m.


 **St. Patrick's Catholic Church**, Main Street in Lagro Mass Time: 11 a.m. First Sunday of the month throughout the year except January and February. Let us worship together.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH


 **Christian Heritage Church**, 2776 River Road. (260) 569-7710. Pastor Tim Prater. Sunday 8:30am. Radio Ministry 95.9 WKUZ. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Service 10:30am. Sunday evening 6pm. Wednesday evening 6pm. Online services on Sunday at 10:30 am and Wednesday 6:00 pm

LaFontaine Christian Church, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine
Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Worship 9am & 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available. Online Services available on our website


CHURCH OF CHRIST

 **Church of Christ**, Wabash (corner of N Wabash Street and US 24). Evangelist Josh Fennell (260) 563-8234. Sunday School 9am. Morning Worship 10am. Evening Worship 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Wednesday Kid's Jam 7pm.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

 **Wabash Church of the Brethren**, 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus...Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship. Online Service through website or conference call.

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 **Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**, 110 W. Hill St., Wabash; Stephen Eberhard, Minister; phone: 260-563-4179; website: www.wabashchristian.org. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Nursery provided. Find us on YouTube and Facebook.

FRIENDS CHURCH

 **Wabash Friends Church**, 3563 S State Rd 13. (260) 563-8452. Lead Pastor, Brandon Eaton. Join us for in-person worship at 8:30AM or 10:45AM, or via live-stream on Facebook at 10:45AM. Children's programming available infants - 6th grade. Sunday school for all ages at 9:45AM. Youth (7th-12th) Sunday evenings at 6:30PM.

INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

 **Bachelor Creek Church of Christ**, 4 miles north of Wabash on St. Rd. 15; phone 260-563-4109; website: bachelorcreek.com; Worship Minister - Michael Eaton, Student Minister - David Diener, Children's Minister - Tyler Leland, Middle School & Small Groups Minister - Nate Plyler, Next Steps & Outreach Minister - Ryan Keim, Women's Director- Taylor McFarland, Early Childhood Director - Janet Legesse. Worship 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.


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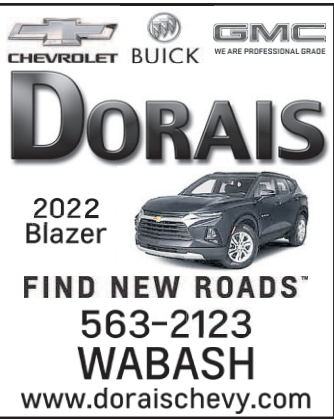
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Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA), 1500 S Wabash Street. Pastor Dr. Kent Young. (260) 563-6626. We worship our Lord each Sunday at 9:30am with Gospel-based message and Holy Communion. There is a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service. We are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome at Trinity! tlcwabash@gmail.com.


UNITED METHODIST

 **North Manchester United Methodist Church**, 306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Steve Bahrt. (260) 982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship 9am. Sunday School 9:30am.


 **Richvalley United Methodist Church**, 290 N Jefferson. (260) 563-1033. Pastor Jack Suits. Worship service begins at 9:30am. Nursery available. Sunday School begins at 10:45am for all age.



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A crisis in America

“When I hear a fire-cracker, I panic.” As the new year brought the news that a million people in the United States

Kathryn Lopez



have died of opioid overdoses since 1999, Andrew Doran wrote a piece in The American Conservative that deserves nationwide attention. The piece is titled “American Orphans in the Wasteland.” While it’s not about opioids, it’s about the kind of trauma that exists in our country.

In the case of Kevin Howard and Taylor “Doc” Hud-

son, they are vets who saw too much while fighting ISIS in Syria and Iraq. Doran describes how, for men like Kevin and Doc, it is easier to be in a war zone than to be back home. In a war zone, you know to expect the worst, and you are trained to anticipate it. Here, you don’t know what’s around the corner.

Kevin was an orphan who spent time in a boys’ home in which abuse was present. The evil adults inflict on children spirals out of control and harms people and society in deep, long-lasting ways that we are only beginning to recognize.

Doran quotes from a book by Dr. Bessel van der Kolk, a psychiatrist and leading

scholar-practitioner of trauma treatment, called “The Body Keeps the Score: Brain, Mind, and Body in the Healing of Trauma”: “We have learned that trauma is not just an event that took place sometime in the past; it is also the imprint left by that experience on the mind, brain and body. This imprint has ongoing consequences for how the human organism manages to survive in the present.”

Doran writes: “This is a common paradox of trauma, and the addictive rush of war: One feels trapped in a nightmare from which he seeks to escape, even while he tries to escape back into the nightmare to feel alive. The traumatized mind might

even regard attempts to heal it as a threat, since to heal would be to part with the hypervigilance upon which one’s safety depends.”

Doran notes: “Trauma is not a past event for people like Kevin and Doc, nor millions of others. It resides and recurs constantly in the mind, where terrifying sensations experienced during the traumatic event replay in an endless loop.”

Trauma leads people like Kevin and Doc to “remain trapped in a nightmare from which they cannot escape and perhaps do not wish to awaken, for only in high-intensity situations or in the process of re-traumatization do they feel fully present. The traumatic past thus

becomes timeless, a hellish present without end.”

Kevin took his own life; the pain was too great. Doc still has a fighting chance, with the compassion of doctors and friends. We should pray he can get the help he needs and deserves.

War forces an extreme inhumanity on a person. So does sexual abuse. We do not exist to be used by one another, or for the powerful to abuse the weak. The whole point of the Christian message is that humans are born to more than a mere battle for survival. Life and love are gifts, and they’re gifts we can spread to others, if we have the will to do so.

If we realized that we have a trauma crisis in America,

we might be a lot more compassionate toward each other. And begin to understand the pain that leads to pills and suicide. We need to prioritize getting veterans the serious help they need. You can’t just get over trauma – as any adoptive parent of a child who suffered early in life can testify. Recovery is something we must all work toward.

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MURDER

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transported to area hospitals for treatment. Rittmanic later succumbed to her injuries. Bailey remains in critical condition at the hospital. ISP Zone 3 Agents obtained Kankakee County arrest warrants for Sullivan and Harris concerning this incident.

“I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to all of the law enforcement agencies, emergency personnel, first responders and medical personnel for their assistance during this terrible time,” said Illinois State Police director Brendan F. Kelly during a press conference held at the Bradley Police Department on Wednesday, Jan. 5. “I’d like to thank the men and women of the Illinois State Police, particularly ISP Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 3 special agents and Illinois State Police Crime Scene Investigators, the U.S. Marshals, Indiana State Police, the Kankakee County States Attorney’s office, Bourbonnais and Bradley Fire and EMS, Fulton County Indiana Sheriff’s Office, Wabash County Indiana Sheriff’s Office, Kosciusko County Indiana Sheriff’s Office, Warsaw Police Department, North Manchester Police Department, Akron Police Department, North Manchester Fire Department. Manchester University Security, Lutheran EMS and the Wabash Fire Department and the numerous other individuals who have been tirelessly working to ensure these violent individuals face justice.”

At around 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, Harris, accompanied by her attorney, turned herself in at the Bradley Police Department and was taken into custody by the Illinois State Police Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 3 Investigators, according to the Illinois State Police. Harris will remain in custody and will be held at the Jerome D. Combs Adult Detention Facility in Kankakee, Illinois. Harris faces three counts of first-degree murder and one count of attempted first-degree murder. The state’s petition to deny bail to the defendant was granted by the court on Monday, Jan. 3, and Harris remains in the custody of the Kankakee County Sheriff’s Department without bond.

Darius Sullivan was arrested early Friday, Dec. 31 at a residence in North Manchester. Arrangements are being made for him to be extradited from Indiana to Kankakee County at this time. Darius Sullivan is charged with six counts of first-degree murder, two counts of attempted first-degree murder and one charge of aggravated battery with a firearm. Darius Sullivan remains in the custody of Indiana law enforcement, where, on Monday, Jan. 3, he refused to waive extradition to Illinois.

“It feels too often like we are living in a cynical, self-centered, self-absorbed, selfish time. Every day, law enforcement officers like Sgt. Rittmanic and Officer Bailey ... leave their homes and families to serve and protect their communities because they are selfless. That’s why it is nearly impossible to express the depth of my sadness and condolences to the entire Rittmanic family, her friends, and the

Bradley Police Department family. We will continue to pray for her and seek justice for her and for Officer Bailey and their families during this painful time. The families, friends, the Bradley Police Department and every first responder in our state are hurting right now,” said Kelly.

Rowe said there is recent precedent for the United States pursuing the death penalty for the murder of a law enforcement officer, citing the case U.S. v. Stephen Wiggins, Middle District of Tennessee in 2018; and precedent for pursuing a federal sentence of death in non-death penalty states, citing the case U.S. v. Brent Christensen, Central District of Illinois in 2018.

“Officer Bailey was viciously attacked because he was doing his job. Sgt. Rittmanic was executed because she was doing her job. ... These alleged acts were cowardly acts of evil. The Illinois State Police will continue to assist our Bradley Police Department family and will be vigilant in the pursuit of justice as this investigation continues. Through turmoil and tragedy, through good times and bad, the Illinois State Police will always remain ready to aid our law enforcement partners and safeguard everyone in Illinois,” said Kelly. “We all want justice, we all want freedom, we all want safety, no one more than those who serve in law enforcement. But there is no safety, there is no freedom, there is no justice without the law. And there is no law without law enforcement. And there is no law enforcement without people like Sgt. Rittmanic, Officer Bailey, ... without brave souls like those who serve in the Bradley Police Department ... the Illinois State Police and all law enforcement. And every one of us should get down on our knees and thank God for every one of them.”

Rowe said Sullivan and Harris “will now face justice for these heinous crimes thanks to the quick work of all local law enforcement officers, firefighters, paramedics, first responders, dispatchers, the Kankakee County Sheriff’s Department and Coroner’s Office, U.S. Marshals, KAMEG, Illinois State Police, countless Indiana law enforcement departments and the willing cooperation of civilians.”

Rowe said during the investigation were Darius Sullivan’s mother, Nichele Newton-Caroll, and his brother, Jalmen Sullivan, were also

arrested. Allegations against these individuals include obstruction of justice for making false statements to law enforcement and harboring a fugitive to aid in his escape, respectively. Newton-Caroll is alleged to have made false statements to law enforcement during an interview that occurred in Demotte, which ultimately places the jurisdiction for those charges in the hands of the Newton County, prosecutor’s office. Rowe said he has been in contact with the Newton County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office and has requested that they file all applicable charges and prosecute Newton-Caroll “to the fullest extent of the law.” Rowe said Jalmen Sullivan allegedly transported his brother, Darius Sullivan, from Kankakee County, Illinois to Wabash “to aid Darius in escaping justice.”

On Friday, Jan. 14, Illinois State Police Southern Region Public Information Office Trooper Josh Korando referred all future questions about the potential prosecution of Jalmen Sullivan to Wabash County authorities.

“No other information on this case is being released by Zone 3 at this time,” said Korando.

Also, on Friday, Jan. 14, Wabash County Prosecutor William C. Hartley, Jr. said he could not publicly discuss his office’s pending decision as to whether or not to charge Jalmen Sullivan locally.

Rowe did not respond to a Plain Dealer request for further comment on this case as of press time.

During a press conference on the afternoon of Friday, Dec. 31 at the North Manchester Police Department, Indiana State Police Lowell District public information officer Sgt. Glen Fifield was joined by Sgt. Travis Heishman with Fulton County Sheriff’s Department, Fulton County Sheriff Chris Sailors and Wabash County Sheriff Ryan Baker.

Fifield said at around 3:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 31, the Fulton County Sheriff’s Department initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling the wrong way on a one-way road in Rochester. As a result of that traffic stop that was initiated, a pursuit took place which ended off Mitchell Drive at the seawall. They fled on foot but were shortly apprehended, police said in a probable cause affidavit. Two individuals – Bryce J. Baker, 20, and Joshua J. Adams, 26, both from Kankakee, Illinois – were taken into custody without incident. Those two

individuals were charged with possession of stolen property, resisting law enforcement and possession of a handgun with no license. Police said they found a bag of marijuana

and a handgun in a towel that Baker told them he pitched into the lake. The two are charged with carrying a handgun without a license, theft of a firearm, possession of marijuana and resisting law enforcement. Adams’ resisting charge is a felony because he was the alleged driver and used a vehicle to resist. On Tuesday, Jan. 4, Baker and Adams appeared before Fulton Circuit Court Judge Christopher Lee for their initial hearings. Lee set both men’s bonds at \$75,000 surety, approved public defense attorneys for the suspects and set future court dates. They are both set to appear for a pretrial conference at 1:30 p.m. Feb. 14 and their trial date is now set for June 7.

At approximately 9:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 31, officers with the U.S. Marshall’s Great Lakes Fugitive Task Force requested the assistance of the Indiana State Police SWAT to serve a search warrant on a residence lo-

cated in the 1000 block of North Bond Street in North Manchester. During the execution of that warrant, two individuals were taken into custody. One of the individuals, Darius Sullivan, had active warrants for first-degree murder, attempted murder and aggravated battery with a firearm. These charges stemmed from the murder of Rittmanic and the injuries to Bailey. Also arrested at the residence was Daniel Acros, 19, from Kankakee, Illinois. He was preliminarily charged with weapon and narcotics charges in Wabash County as a result of the search warrant.

Assisting at the scene were the Fulton County Sheriff’s Department, Wabash County Sheriff’s Department, Kosciusko County Sheriff’s Department, Warsaw Police Department, North Manchester Police Department, Akron Police Department, North Manchester Fire Department, Manchester University Security, Lutheran EMS and the Wabash Fire Department.

Fifield said Manchester University was locked down during the search warrant “and there was a building that was searched as a re-

sult of some other investigation.” On Monday, Jan. 3, Manchester University’s Office of Strategic Communications assistant director of media relations Anne Gregory said they issued the lockdown alert at 9:22 a.m. and the all-clear alert at 10:54 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 31.

Rowe said the investigation into this matter continues “to ensure that all who aided or abetted these individuals are caught and brought to justice.”

“The public is reminded that criminal charges are not evidence of guilt and that all individuals are presumed innocent until and unless they are found guilty in a court of law,” said Rowe.

Rowe said anyone with information related to the ongoing investigation and prosecution of the above offenders is asked to call the Illinois State Police Hotline at 815-698-2315.

No further information was available as of press time. This story will be updated as more information is released.

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Oak Hill boys top Southwood in battle of county champions

Tippecanoe Valley visits the Knights on Friday, Jan. 21

By SCOTT HUNT
Chronicle-Tribune Sports Editor

CONVERSE — Intensity is always in abundance when Southwood and Oak Hill get together on the hardwood and Tuesday’s battle between the reigning, respective, Wabash and Grant County champions provided another example.

The Knights used a relentless, full-court, trapping-at-every-opportunity defense along with the hot shooting of junior Cole Winer to gain an early advantage.

However, Winer picked up his third foul early in the second quarter and the Golden Eagles turned up their defensive pressure and held Southwood scoreless for more than eight minutes.

During that span of the second and third quarters, Oak Hill gained the lead and control on the way to a 56-45 win.

“A lot of it was recognition of things we were talking about in the scouting report. I was not very pleased at all with the first quarter and the first couple possessions in the second quarter,” said



Southwood’s Cole Winer drives Oak Hill’s Matthew Strange towards a screen from Jason Oprisek during the first half of a game at Oak Hill on Tuesday. The Grant County champion Golden Eagles topped the Wabash County champion Knights, 56-45.

Oak Hill coach Kevin Renbarger. “You have to give Southwood credit, they’ve done this to us before. They just come out and try to bury us in the first quarter.

“I feel like it was more taking care of the basketball on the offensive end than it even was on the defensive end. ... We finally figured out how to take care of the basketball and where we wanted to get the basketball and we were able to score at a pretty good clip.”

Southwood harassed Oak Hill into seven turnovers through the first eight minutes and limited the Eagles to just eight field-goal attempts.

Winer hit three 3-pointers and senior Derrick Smith added a fourth as part of a 12-2 run for Southwood that put the Knights up 16-7 with under three minutes to play

in the first.

Winer made his fourth triple and added a two-pointer in the first two minutes of the second quarter to extend the Knights lead to 23-13, but just over a minute later he would go to the bench in foul trouble and the tide started to turn in Oak Hill’s favor.

“It was great game to that point. We’re not the kind of team that can pick up and go on without him,” said

Knights’ coach John Burrus of Winer, who entered Tuesday’s game averaging 15.5 points and had 14 when he picked up his third foul.

“It’s a team game and you have certain strengths. Well, Cole Winer is one of our big offensive strengths and he really helps our defense,” Burrus continued. “He changes things. ... He’s got a lot of good experience.”

Oak Hill scored the final 14 points of the second quarter and first four of the third to go up 31-23. The Golden Eagles also scored the final seven points of the period as part of an 11-0 run to build their lead to 44-29 in the first two minutes of the fourth quarter.

Southwood continued its intense defensive pressure and forced six more Oak Hill turnovers in the final quarter, but the Eagles made 12-of-15 free throw attempts and maintained at least a 12-point lead until the final 11-point margin.

“With Oak Hill, if you don’t get after them they’re just going to do what they want to do,” Burrus said. “They’re going to be very patient at times, they’re going to control the tempo. My thinking was let’s get some buckets early, let’s get some tempo so you don’t have that drought like you saw later in

the game.

“That could have happened in the first quarter if we kinda lay back, let them run their matchup and let them work the ball ‘til they get what they want,” he added. “We just tried to do some things to try to get them out of their comfort zone. I felt like it was effective until Cole got that third foul. When he went out we just didn’t score like we needed to.”

Oak Hill made 12-of-21 field goal attempts and had just six turnovers in the second and third quarters. At the same time, Southwood connected on 5-of-20 and turned it over 11 times and the Golden Eagles outscored the Knights, 27-11 during the 16 minutes.

“I think we did a really good job of basically just executing what we practiced,” Renbarger said. “We were able to get the ball up the side and through the middle and at the basket against the press. On the offensive end, we were able to find the middle against the two-three zone, slow down and make decisions.

“It was all about slowing down in your mind, being patient and strong with the basketball and making the right decision.”

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MANCHESTER VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL WINS AGAINST PERU 33-32



Manchester senior Ainsley West, left, surveys the defense as she advances the ball during first half varsity action against the Tigers of Peru. A close contest would see West sinking the game winning free throw as the Squires went on to win 33-32.

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MANCHESTER VARSITY GIRLS SWIMMING BEATS COLUMBIA CITY 89-57 ON MONDAY



Squire Josie Briner paces her Columbia City opponents as she takes honors with a win in the 200 Individual Medley race Monday evening at Manchester.

Photo by Greg Dannacher / Plain Dealer

MANCHESTER JV GIRLS BASKETBALL BEATS PERU 44-26



Manchester’s McKelvey Espeset fights for control of a rebound with the Tigers’ Peyton Wideman during junior varsity action on Wednesday evening at MHS.

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MANCHESTER VARSITY BOYS SWIMMING FALLS TO COLUMBIA CITY 106-39 ON MONDAY



Manchester senior Raice Martin competes in the 200 Individual Medley race against the Columbia City Eagles on Monday at the Manchester Aquatic Center.

Photo by Greg Dannacher / Plain Dealer

OAK HILL

From page A11

Junior Landon Biegel poured in a game-high 20 points, collected 14 rebounds and dished out five assists to lead Oak Hill. Junior Caleb Kroll added 14 points, junior Matthew Strange chipped in eight while junior Kyle Turanchick along with sophomores Levi Trexler and Ty Fagan scored four points apiece.

Trexler and Turanchick each had three steals and Trexler blocked two shot attempts.

Winer finished 5-of-7 from long range and led Southwood with 17 points. Junior Nathan Lehner added 11 points, juniors Dylan Stout and Jason Oprisek

scored six and four points, respectively, while junior Isaiah Sutton and sophomore Will Winer each scored two.

Oak Hill (8-3) visited Eastbrook on Friday in a key Central Indiana Conference matchup. The Golden Eagles are 2-0 in the CIC and the only team without a loss in the conference. The Panthers (7-3) are 2-1 in the CIC and tied with Madison-Grant (7-4) in second place.

Southwood (5-6) hosted Whitko on Friday to begin a stretch of four-straight Three Rivers Conference battles. Tippecanoe Valley visits the Knights on Friday, Jan. 21.

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Logan Willoughby buried perimeter jumpers to help lift the Spartans to their fourth straight victory.

Scrappy Spartans men’s basketball prevails over Rose-Hulman 73-69

Manchester will travel to Hanover College on Saturday

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University men’s basketball team delivered another scrappy performance inside of Stauffer-Wolfe Arena on Wednesday evening. The Black and Gold overcame an 11-point deficit in the second half and held on late for a gritty 73 to 69 victory over the Fightin’ Engineers of Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

After an evenly played first half, the Fightin’ Engineers opened the second period on an 11 to zero run to grab a 47 to 36 advantage. Manchester immediately responded with a nine to zero run of its own over the next two minutes of action, whittling Rose’s lead to just a basket, 49-47.

The Spartans regained the lead at the 12:02 mark of the period following a three-pointer by Ty Lynas, from Crawfordsville. After a quick basket by the Fightin’ Engineers to tie the game at 53, the Spartans would go on a seven to zero to gain a 60 to 53 advantage. The surge was led by a basket in the paint by Brandon Christlieb,

from Ashley and Prairie Heights High School, a pair of free throws by Logan Willoughby, from Greenwood and Whiteland Community High School, and a transition triple from Ty Lynas.

After Rose-Hulman regained a slim one-point advantage with just five minutes left in regulation, the Spartans connected on four consecutive three-point attempts to regain the lead for good. Quentez Columbus, from South Bend and Adams High School, Brandon Christlieb, CJ Hampton, from Hammond and Griffith High School, and Logan Willoughby all buried perimeter jumpers to help lift the Spartans to their fourth straight victory.

Manchester finished shooting 44.8 percent (26 for 58) on Wednesday evening. The Spartans knocked in 15 threes in the winning effort.

Rose-Hulman converted 45.9 percent (28 for 61) of its field goal attempts. The Fightin’ Engineers were limited to just three-of-18 shooting (16.7 percent) from beyond the three-point arc.

Rose-Hulman held a hefty 47 to 23 advantage on the glass, however, the Spartans were able to convert 18 Engineer turnovers into 21 points. The Spartans only committed 11 turnovers. Manchester also assisted on 19 of its 26 made field goals.

Brandon Christlieb led three Spartans in double figures with 17 points. Christlieb, the current HCAC Player of the Week, shot seven for 10 from the field and was three for five from three-point territory. Ty Lynas added 14 points off the bench. Lynas buried a trio of three-pointers in the win. Logan Willoughby scored 13 points off the bench in his collegiate debut. Willoughby also knocked in a trio of three-pointers – including a three just before the end of the first half to tie the game.

Both CJ Hampton and Quentez Columbus lined the stat sheet in Wednesday’s win. Hampton finished with eight points, seven rebounds and six assists. Columbus added seven points, seven assists, three rebounds and two steals.

Max Chaplin led Rose-Hulman with 21 points.

Winners of four straight, the Spartans (6-8, 5-2 HCAC) will travel to Hanover College on Saturday, Jan. 15. Game time against the Panthers is scheduled for 2 p.m.

Rose-Hulman (8-4, 4-2 HCAC) is scheduled to host Defiance College at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.



Photo by Greg Dannacher / Plain Dealer

Sophomore Kody Stambaugh, No. 5, charges up court against stubborn Viking defender Nathan Parker, No. 20, as the Norse junior varsity squad clashed with Tippecanoe Valley on Friday, Jan. 7 at NHS.

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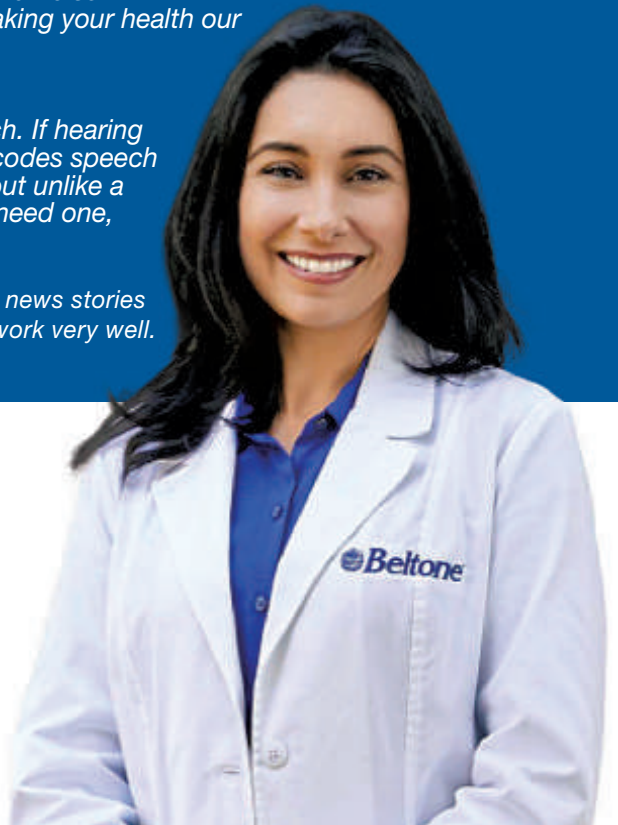
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